Upper Provo River Reservoirs

The existing upper Provo River Reservoirs consist of 15 lakes clustered together within a 4-mile radius at the headwaters of the Provo River in the Uinta Mountains, about 55 miles east of Salt Lake City. Most of these lakes are within a 2-hour drive from any city along the Wasatch Front. Jordanelle Reservoir, Dam and Power Plant will be located on the river roughly 25 miles west of these lakes, about 6 miles north of Heber City.

Between 1914 and 1935, private irrigation companies constructed dams on these natural lakes, converting them to reservoirs and enlarging their storage capacities. Drastic fluctuations in water levels of the reservoirs due to irrigation drawdowns has inhibited their fishery, recreation and esthetic potential.

Twelve of the 15 reservoirs will be stabilized at surface levels to enhance their recreation and fishery value by transferring their irrigation storage to Jordanelle Reservoir. The remaining three reservoirs, Big Elk, Trial and Wall Lakes, will continue to fluctuate to provide irrigation water to the Francis and Kamas lands, which are located above the Jordanelle Reservoir.

THE 15 LAKES
Upper Provo River Reservoirs

Big Elk
Crystal
Duck
Fire
Island
Long
Lost
Marjorie
Pot
Star
Teapot
Trial
Wall
Washington
Weir